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First Named Inventor	MERCER et al.
<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
Application Number	09 / 690,997
Filing Date	10/18/2000
Group Art Unit	
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MODULAR BACKPLANE FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPUTERS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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Application Number 09/690,997 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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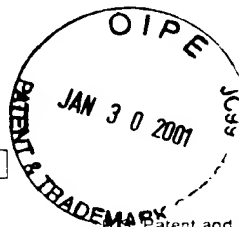
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Supplemental Sheet  
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